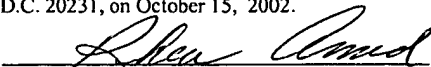


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For: METHODS OF ELICITING AN
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Examiner: Phillip Gambel, Ph.D.

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action mailed 12 July 2002, time for response to which was set to initially expire Saturday, 12 October 2002. This Reply is believed to be timely submitted because Monday, October 14, 2002 was a Federal holiday. The Office Action mailed 2 July 2002 is believed to require no response because it is superceded and/or subsumed by the Action mailed 12 July 2002.

Claims 13, 15, 16 and 18-24 are pending and have been rejected. Reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.